THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) (a) Super Bazar has reported that all areas of Super Bazar subjected to audit by the Internal Auditors and Statutory Auditors every year. The Control Room being only a medium for receiving information and passing on information from branches to the Head Office and *vice-versa* is not audited.

(b) Concurrent audit by the Statutory Auditors is conducted on quartarly basis and Internal Auditors carry on their audit throughout the year.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir. The accounting system of Super Bazar does not facilitate working out of department wise results.

(e) Mistakes pointed out by the auditors are taken note of and remedial measures are taken.

(f) Does not arise.

Rise in oil|pulses|grain price

736. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been aspurt in the oil|pulses|grain prices recently due to policies of Government;

(b) if so, whether Government have enquired into the reasons thereof;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to check the rise in prices of edible oil, pulses and grain prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The Government has given highest priority for controlling the rise in the prices of essential comodities including edible oils, pulses and grains. The Inter-Ministrial Coordination Committee for Monitoring and forecasting the prices and supply of essential commodities reviews the price scenario and advises the concerned authorities in take appropriate and timely action. Efforts are being made to increase the production. Commodities which are in short supply are being imported to supplement their easy availability in the market. Import of palmolein pulses etc. are placed under Open General Licence (OGL). Stringent action against hoarders, black marketeers and such other anti-social elements is being taken under the Essential commodities Act, 1955, and similar other legislations.

Non-availability of sugar in the F.P.S.

737. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 689 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13th June, 1994 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was inordinate delay in the supply of sugar to the Fair Price Shops throughout the country causing inconvenience to the consumers; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take steps to improve the working of these shops and if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b)